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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FIRST GRAND LODGE, A. O. U. W.
OF THE
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

HELD AT
VICTORIA, B. C.
April 12th and 13th, 1892.

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First Day—Morning Session.

VICTORIA, B. C., April 12th, 1892.

Pursuant to the following call, issued by the Supreme Master Workman of the United States, delegates from the subordinate lodges of the Province of British Columbia, met at 10 o'clock in the Foresters' Hall.

A. O. U. W. }
OFFICE OF SUPREME MASTER WORKMAN, }
HELENA, MONT., APRIL 3, 1892. }

*To the several Subordinate Lodges of the A. O. U. W. of
British Columbia :*

WHEREAS, There exists in British Columbia ten subordinate lodges of the A. O. U. W., over which no existing Grand Lodge has permanent control : and

Whereas, I have received petitions from ten subordinate lodges within British Columbia asking for the formation of a Grand Lodge for British Columbia to have jurisdiction within British Columbia ; and

Whereas, In my opinion, the emergencies of the case and the best interests of the order require the formation of a Grand Lodge of British Columbia, it is hereby

Ordered that the several subordinate lodges of British Columbia hold special meetings, if their stated meetings do not occur in time, not later than the 9th day of April, 1892, and at said meetings elect three representatives to a convention to be held in the City of Victoria, British Columbia, on the 12th day of April, 1892.

The representatives herein provided for must be elected from among the Past Master Workmen of said lodges, providing said lodges have three Past Master Workmen, then after electing all the Past Master Workmen they have in good standing and Workmen degree members in good standing in said lodges may be elected as such representatives.

Credentials will be prepared in duplicate, one set will be sent to James Sullivan, Deputy Supreme Master Workman, at Victoria, B. C., the other set to be presented by the delegate in person.

The convention for the formation of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia will be held at Victoria, B. C., on the 12th day of April, 1892, at 12 o'clock M.

J. W. KINSLEY,
Supreme Master Workman.

ATTEST : M. W. SACKETT,
Supreme Recorder.

Pursuant to the above call the convention for the purpose of organization of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia,

met in Foresters' Hall, Victoria, B. C., at 12 M., and was called to order by Deputy Supreme Master Workman Bro. Jas. Sullivan, of Helena, Montana.

On motion Bro. A. Smither, of Beaver Lodge, No. 30, was elected Acting Grand Recorder; Bro. J. T. McIlmoyle, of Vancouver Lodge, No. 77, Acting Guide; and Bro. R. Dinsdale, of Vancouver, No. 77, Inside Watchman.

Deputy Supreme Master Workman Sullivan then appointed Brethren Hy. Jewell, of Victoria Lodge, No. 19; R. B. Kelly, of Brunette Lodge, No. 9; J. C. Henderson, of Chilliwack Lodge, No. 10; Hy. Hoy, of Beaver Lodge, No. 30; Alex. M. Frasier, Frasier Lodge, No. 8—a Committee on Credentials.

A recess of fifteen minutes was then taken.

The Convention called to order and the Committee on Credentials presented the following report:—

Victoria Lodge, No. 19, } hereafter called No. 1	{ Hy. Jewell, Gustav Leiser and R. T. Williams.
Granville Lodge, No. 29, } hereafter called No. 2	{ Hy. Hoy, W. H. Keary, A. Smither.
Beaver Lodge, No. 30, } hereafter called No. 3	{ Murray Thain, H. C. Langes.
Nanaimo Lodge, No. 53, } hereafter called No. 4	{ Marcus Wolfe, Chas. H. Horth, Mark Bate.
Vancouver L'ge, No. 77, } hereafter called No. 5	{ J. T. McIlmoyle, R. Dinsdale.
Sullivan Lodge, No. 6.....	A. R. Sherk, J. H. Freeman, Edward Bragg.
Western Star Lodge, } No. 7.....	{ J. H. Hughes, Wm. Summerville, E. J. Salmon.
Frasier Lodge, No. 8.....	Alex. M. Fraser, J. H. Sharp, H. Youdall.
Brunette Lodge, No. 9....	R. B. Kelly, De Wolf Smith, J. C. Cornish.
Chilliwack Valley Lodge,	J. C. Henderson, Hy. Kipp, Geo. Malnish.
Persever'ce Lodge, No. 11,	F. G. Budlong, James McGeer, John Gavin.

(Signed by Committee,)

HY. JEWELL,
R. B. KELLY,
J. C. HENDERSON,
HY. HOY,
ALEX. M. FRASIER.

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Moved, seconded and carried—That the chairman appoint a committee of five to draft a constitution for the government of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

The chairman appointed the following representatives as members of the said committee :—Brethren G. Leiser, Victoria Lodge, No. 1 ; W. H. Keary, Beaver Lodge, No. 3 ; M. Wolfe, Nanaimo Lodge, No. 4 ; J. C. Cornish, Brunette Lodge, No. 9 ; H. E. Langes, Granville Lodge, No. 2.

A motion was carried to adjourn until 2 p. m.

Meeting called to order by Deputy Supreme Master Workman James Sullivan, who read his appointment by our Supreme Master Workman, J. W. Kinsley.

HELENA, Mont., U. S.,
January 30th, 1892.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS :

That, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Supreme Master Workman of the A. O. U. W., and reposing special confidence in Brother James Sullivan, Past Grand Master Workman, I do hereby appoint and constitute him a Deputy Supreme Master Workman, for the purpose of and with full powers to organize and institute subordinate lodges of the A. O. U. W. in British Columbia, subject to the laws of the Order relating thereto ; and, upon proper petitions and such further orders as may be made herein, to organize and institute a Grand Lodge, composed of lodges now in said British Columbia, and of such other lodges as may be included in the orders for such organization ; and his acts hereunder shall have the same force and effect as if performed by myself in person.

Witness my hand this date above written.

J. W. KINSLEY,
Supreme Master Workman, A. O. U. W.

Moved by Bro. W. H. Keary of Beaver Lodge No. 3 ; seconded by . G. Budlong, Perseverance, No. 11 :

That five o'clock this evening be appointed for the election of officers. The Chairman stated that such a proceeding was very irregular and ruled the motion out of order.

The Committee on Constitution then presented their report as follows :

*To the Convention for Organization of the Grand Lodge of
A. O. U. W. of British Columbia :*

BROTHERS : Your Committee on Constitution reports :
That it has performed the duties imposed upon it, and herewith respectfully submit for your consideration a form of Constitution and By-Laws.

Yours in C. H. & P.,

G. LEISER,
W. H. KEARY,
M. WOLFE,
J. C. CORNISH,
H. E. LANGES.

Moved and seconded that the Recorder read the Constitution section by section. Carried

Moved and seconded that Bro. Marcus Wolfe of Nanaimo Lodge, No. 4, take the Chair. Carried.

The Convention then went into Committee of the whole to consider Constitution, which was read and adopted, section by section and finally as a whole.

On motion the Convention adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, April 13th. Carried.

Tuesday, D. S. M. W. Sullivan at 10 o'clock sharp, called meeting to order ; no quorum being present, adjourned for ten minutes.

At 10:10 o'clock roll was called and a full quorum being present, the following Brothers answered to their names :—
G. Leiser, R. T. Williams, Hy. Jewell, Hy. Hoy, W. H. Keary, A. Smithers, J. H. Hughes, Wm. Summerville, M. Thain, H. Langes, A. M. Frasier, J. H. Sharp, H. Yondall, R. B. Kelly, De Wolf Smith, J. C. Cornish, F. R. Budling, James, McGeer, A. R. Sherk, J. H. Freeman, Ed. Bragg, J. T. McIlmoyle, R. Dinsdale, J. C. Henderson, Henry Kipp, Marcus Wolfe, Charles H. Horth, Mark Bate.

The minutes being read by acting Recorder Bro. Smither, after suggestions and corrections by various Brothers, Bro. M. Wolfe, and seconded by Bro. Budlong, moved that the minutes be adopted as read with the provision that the executive officers be allowed to correct any errors appearing in the notes taken of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge. Carried.

The Chairman of Committee on Credentials reported having examined the Credentials of
Bro. A. M. Bullock as representative from Granville, No. 2, and F. Gilchrist as representative from Vancouver, No. 77, and that they were qualified to a seat in this Convention.

The Grand Lodge Degree was conferred by D. S. M. W. Sullivan.

The Chairman stated that the next order of business would be Election of Officers and Trustees.

Brothers M. Wolfe of Nanaimo, No. 4. and Brother J. H. Freeman were appointed tellers.

NOMINATION FOR PAST GRAND MASTER WORKMAN—Bro. J. T. McImoyle of Vancouver Lodge, No. 4; Henry Kipp, Chilliwack Valley Lodge, No. 10; Harry Thain, Granville Lodge, No. 2. By the majority of votes Bro. J. T. McImoyle was elected.

GRAND MASTER WORKMAN—Bro. G. Leiser, of Victoria No. 1; W. H. Keary, of Beaver Lodge, No. 2. Brother G. Leiser, elected.

GRAND FOREMAN—Brother Marcus Wolfe, Nanaimo Lodge, No. 4; and Brother W. H. Keary. Bro. Marcus Wolfe elected.

GRAND OVERSEER—Brother Henry Thain. On motion the Recorder was instructed to cast the ballot for Brother Henry Thain.

GRAND RECORDER—Brother Hy. Jewell, Victoria, No. 1; D. Dinsdale of Vancouver, No. 5. Hy. Jewell elected.

GRAND RECEIVER—Brother R. T. Williams, of Victoria, No. 1. The Recorder was instructed to cast the ballot for Brother R. T. Williams.

GRAND GUIDE—Brother J. H. Freeman, of Sullivan Lodge, No. 6. The Recorder was instructed to cast the ballot for Brother J. H. Freeman.

GRAND INSIDE WATCHMAN—Brother R. Dinsdale, Vancouver Lodge, No. 5; A. R. Sherk, Sullivan Lodge, No. 6. R. Dinsdale elected.

GRAND OUTSIDE WATCHMAN—Brother F. Gilchrist, Vancouver Lodge, No. 5. The Recorder was instructed to cast the ballots for F. Gilchrist.

The following Brethern were nominated as representatives to Grand Lodge: Bros. W. H. Keary, Beaver Lodge, No. 3; H. Hoy, Beaver Lodge, No. 3; and H. E. Langes of Granville Lodge, No. 2.

Brother W. H. Keary and Hy. Hoy were elected.

The following were placed in nomination for Grand Medical Examiner:

Brother H. C. Langes, Granville Lodge, No. 2; DeWolf Smith, Brunette Lodge, No. 9; M. W. Wade, Victoria Lodge, No. 1. De Wolf Smith was elected.

GRAND TRUSTEES FOR THREE YEARS—Brother Mark Bate of Nanaimo Lodge, No. 4.

TRUSTEES FOR TWO YEARS—Brother R. B. Kelly, Brunette Lodge, No. 9.

TRUSTEES FOR ONE YEAR—Brother Hy. Kipp, Chilliwack Valley Lodge, No. 10.

The following officers was then declared elected as the Grand Officers for the the first term for the Grand Lodge of British Columbia :

J. T. McIlmoyle.....	Grand Past Master Workman.
G. Leiser.....	Grand Master Workman.
Marcus Wolfe.....	Grand Foreman.
Murray Thain.....	Grand Overseer.
Hy. Jewell.....	Grand Recorder.
R. T. Williams.....	Grand Receiver.
J. H. Freeman.....	Grand Guide.
R. Dinsdale.....	Inside Watchman.
F. Gilchrist.....	Outside Watchman.
Mark Bate.....	Trustee for three years.
R. B. Kelly.....	Trustee for two years.
H. Kipp.....	Trustee for one year.
De Wolf Smith, M. D.....	Medical Examiner.

Grand Master Leiser made the following appointments :

Committee on Finance : H. Youdall, Fraiser Lodge, No. 8 ; E. J. Salmon, Western Star, No. 7 ; Edward Bragg, Sullivan, No. 6.

Committee on Laws : R. T. Williams, Victoria Lodge, No. 1 ; J. H. Freeman, Sullivan Lodge, No. 6 ; R. Dinsdale, Vancouver Lodge, No. 5.

On motion the Past Master elect was allowed to give such items of the proceedings of our Grand Lodge sessions to the press as he may think will be for the good of the order and of interest to the public during recess.

A recess was taken until 2 o'clock.

Afternoon Session.

Meeting called to order punctually at 2 p. m. No quorum being present, meeting adjourned for 15 minutes. Lodge re-opened and Deputy Supreme Master Workman Sullivan installed the officers of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, assisted by Bro. J. H. McGeer as Deputy Grand Master Workman, Bro. J. C. Cornish as Deputy Grand Guide. When Bro. Deputy Supreme Master Workman Jas. Sullivan declared as follows :

And now by the power invested in me as Deputy Supreme D. M. W., I hereby declare the officers of the Grand Lodge, A. O. U. W., Province of British Columbia, duly installed and authorized to assume and perform their several duties until our next annual meeting, and until their successors are elected and installed, and for and in the name of J. W. Kinsley, S. M. W., I hereby declare the jurisdiction of British Columbia set apart as a separate jurisdiction to take effect at this hour and this 13th day of April, 1892, the hour being 2:45.

RESOLUTIONS.

Moved by J. T. McIlmoyle and seconded by M. Wolfe :

Resolved, That all Resolutions and Amendments presented to this Grand Lodge be reduced to writing. Carried.

Moved by M. Bate and seconded by H. Youdall :

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge beg to place on record its high appreciation of the just and liberal manner in which the grand Lodges of Oregon and Washington always treated the Sub-Lodges of British Columbia, in all cases while under its jurisdiction. Carried.

Moved by Bro. McIlmoyle and seconded by E. J. Salmon :

Resolved, That the Subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of British Columbia be known hereafter as follows :

Victoria, No. 1. Granville, No. 2. Beaver, No. 3.
Nanaimo, No. 4. Vancouver, No. 5. Sullivan, No. 6.
Western Star, No. 7. Frasier Lodge, No. 8. Brunette, No. 9.
Chilliwack, No. 10. Perseverance, No. 11.

And that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to each Lodge. Carried.

Moved by M. Wolfe and seconded by H. Hoy :

Resolved, That until this Grand Lodge meets again in Annual Session the salary of the Grand Recorder be fixed at the sum of Twenty-Five Dollars per month, and that for such compensation, his office and office furniture shall be furnished by him and he shall perform all the duties of his office as Grand Recorder. Carried

Moved by M. Wolfe and seconded by H. Hoy :

Resolved, by the Grand Lodge of A. O. U. W., British Columbia, That the bonds of the Grand Recorder be fixed at \$3,000, and the bonds of the Grand Receiver at \$5,000, respectively. Carried.

Moved by Robert Dinsdale and seconded by J. H. Hughes :

Resolved, That a sum of five hundred dollars be placed to the credit of the Grand Waster Workman, for the purpose of organizing subordinate lodges. Carried.

Moved by J. H. Freeman and seconded by H. Youdall :

Resolved, That the Representatives to the Supreme Lodge from this jurisdiction be hereby requested to support a motion which will amend Sec. 44, Constitution of Supreme

Lodge, as follows: "No person shall be admitted to membership in the Order except he be a white male of the full age or 21 and under 45 years of age." Carried.

Moved by M. Wolfe and seconded by H. Hoy :

Resolved, That no one shall be entitled to either mileage or per diem who retires from the meeting of the Grand Lodge before it adjourns, unless for good cause shewn; leave of absence to be granted by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Grand Lodge enrolled at that meeting. Carried.

Moved by J. T. McIlmoyle and seconded by Robt. Dinsdale :

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge empower the Grand Recorder to have printed 1,000 copies of the Grand Lodge Constitution, when said constitution is sanctioned by the Supreme Lodge or Supreme Master. Carried.

Moved by M. Wolfe and seconded by H. Hoy :

Resolved, That the Grand Master Workman, the Grand Recorder and Committee on Finance be authorized to procure all blank books, blanks and stationery, as in their judgment is necessary, and procure a Seal for the use of this Grand Lodge. Carried.

Moved by M. Wolfe and seconded by H. Hoy :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to Bro. D. S. M. W. Sullivan of Helena, Montana, for the untold benefits he has conferred on this jurisdiction by his work amongst us and for the good work he has done in materially assisting in the formation of the Grand Lodges of British Columbia. Carried.

Moved by J. T. McIlmoyle and seconded by A. M. Bullock :

Resolved, That the per capita tax for the present term be fixed at \$1.50 per member; 75 cts. payable on the 30th of June and 75 cts. on the 31st December. Carried.

Moved by A. Smither and seconded by Alex. M. Fraser :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge is due and hereby tendered to the Lodges of the A. O. U. W. in Victoria, for the use of their Lodge Rooms, and for the many fraternal courtesies extended the delegates to Convention for formation of the Grand Lodge. Carried.

Moved by A. M. Bullock and seconded by J. T. McIlmoyle :

Resolved, That if the five hundred dollars provided for in a former resolution for Lecturer, should be exhausted before the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master Workman shall at his discretion have power to pay a commission of fifty dollars for each new Lodge of twenty members organized. Carried.

Moved by J. T. McIlmoyle and A. M. Bullock :

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder have 250 copies of the votes and proceedings of this Session printed, one copy to be sent to each member of the Grand Lodge and two copies sent to each Subordinate Lodge. Carried.

To the Supreme Officers, Grand Lodge Officers and Grand Lodge Delegates:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS: You are cordially invited to attend a regular meeting of Victoria Lodge, No. 19, held in this hall, this evening.

We would feel highly honored by your presence.

Fraternally yours, etc., C. H. & P.

J. D. WARREN,
Foreman, Victoria Lodge, No. 19.

Received and filed.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby conveyed to Bro. S. M. W. Kinsley, for the interest manifested and great assistance given us in the formation of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to our Bro. S. M. W. Kinsley.

J. T. McILMOYLE, *P. M. W.*

GUSTAV LEISER, *Gr. M. W.*

M. WOLFE, *Gr. Foreman.*

M. W. THAIN, *Overseer.*

Resolved, That in any matters that may arise needing adjustment between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Washington on account of any general or beneficiary funds that may be on hand at the time of the formation of our Grand Lodge, this Grand Lodge refer such matters (if any) to the judgment of the Supreme Master Workman, J. H. Kinsley. Carried.

The officers assumed their various duties, Grand Master Workman Leiser in the Chair. Brother Sullivan wished the Grand Lodge every success, and would watch with intense interest the growth of British Columbia Grand Lodge.

Moved, That the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, such as is used by Montana jurisdiction, be adopted by this Grand Lodge as a whole, substituting such words as will make it suitable for Lodges of the Province of British Columbia.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Moved, That the Grand Lodge meet on second Monday in March, 1893, at 10 o'clock.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Moved, That Vancouver be our next place of meeting ; (also Nanaimo and Chilliwack,) on motion were placed in nomination. On ballot being spread, Chilliwack received the majority of votes and was declared the next place of meeting.

Moved, seconded and carried, That a draft be drawn for \$150.00 payable to Supreme Master Workman J. W. Kin-sley, being the cost of charters for Grand Lodge.

Moved, seconded and carried, that Grand Recorder Jewell be hereby authorised to procure seal, regalia and other necessary things for subordinate lodges, with the exception of badges, which the subordinate lodges are at liberty to procure for themselves.

Moved, seconded and carried, That the executive officers of the Grand Lodge are hereby authorized to procure a loan of \$500 for Grand Lodge purposes, until the first instalment of the per capita tax is collected.

Moved, seconded and carried, That the Grand Recorder notify the Grand Lodge of Washington of the formation of this Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

Moved, seconded and carried, That the payment of the Grand Lodge representative to this Convention be left with the subordinate lodges.

Moved, seconded and carried, That this first session of the British Columbia Grand Lodge close *sine die*.

HY. JEWELL,

Grand Recorder.

